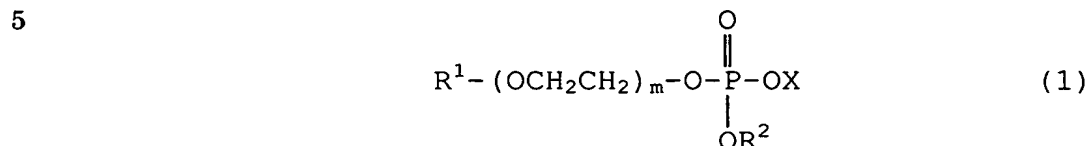


## CLAIMS

1. A detergent composition comprising:

(A) at least one phosphate ester or a salt thereof represented by the following formula (1):



10 wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents a linear or branched hydrocarbon group having 8 to 18 carbon atoms, m stands for a number of from 0 to 10 on weight average, X represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal atom, ammonium, a basic amino acid residual group, or an alkanolamino group having a hydroxyalkyl group of 2 to 3 carbon  
15 atoms, and R<sup>2</sup> represents - (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>m</sub>-R<sup>1</sup> or X, or a mixture thereof, and

(B) at least one glyceryl ether having an alkyl or alkenyl group of 4 to 12 carbon atoms.

2. The composition according to claim 1, wherein said  
20 glyceryl ether, the component (B), is a linear or branched alkyl monoether.

3. The composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said glyceryl ether, the component (B), is a monoether having an alkyl group of 6 to 10 carbon atoms.

25 4. The composition according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the monoester in said phosphate ester as the component (A) amounts to at least 65 wt.% based on a total amount of the monoester

and diester.

5        5. The composition according to any one of claims 1-4, wherein in said phosphate ester as the component (A),  $R^1$  in the formula (1) is a linear or branched hydrocarbon group having 8 to 15 carbon atoms.

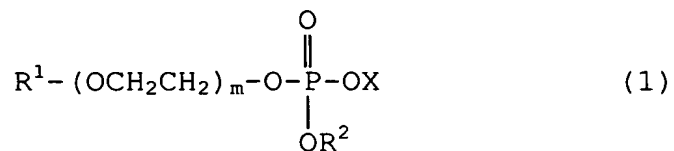
6. The composition according to any one of claims 1-5, wherein the phosphate ester as the component (A) is a phosphate ester having an  $\alpha$ -branched alkyl group.

10       7. The composition according to any one of claims 1-6, wherein the content of said component (A) is from 2 to 60 wt.% based on the whole composition.

8. The composition according to any one of claims 1-7, wherein the content of said component (B) is from 0.1 to 30 wt.% based on the whole composition.

15       9. Use of the detergent composition according to any one of claim 1-8 as a detergent for personal washing.

20       10. A method for enhancing foamability which comprises adding at least one glyceryl ether having an alkyl or alkenyl group of 4 to 12 carbon atoms to a detergent composition comprising at least one phosphate ester or a salt thereof represented by the following formula (1):



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wherein  $R^1$  represents a linear or branched hydrocarbon group having 8 to 18 carbon atoms,  $m$  stands for a number of from 0 to 10 on weight average,  $X$  represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal atom, ammonium, a basic amino acid residual group, or an

10 alkanolamino group having a hydroxyalkyl group of 2 to 3 carbon atoms, and  $R^2$  represents  $-(CH_2CH_2O)_m-R^1$  or  $X$ , or a mixture thereof.